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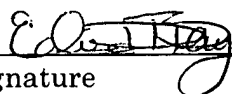
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Applicant : Keiko Matsubara, et al.  
Application No. : 09/672,287  
Filed : September 28, 2000  
Title : NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY  
  
Grp./Div. : 1745  
Examiner : Dah Wei D. Yuan  
  
Docket No. : 40589/DBP/Y35

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Commissioner:

In response to the Advisory Action of December 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 1. All of pending claims 1 to 4, 6 to 11, and 13 to 15 follow:

B1  
1. (Twice Amended) A negative active material for a rechargeable lithium battery comprising a particle-agglomerated product comprising a carbonaceous material and an amorphous metal compound